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Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you for your letter of October 16, 1989 regarding low-level Instrument Route (IR) 920. I appreciated the opportunity to meet and discuss this as well as other matters of common interest and concern.

In response to your query, I am prepared to state categorically that the Government will not increase the exercise usage rates on IR 920. The numbers of aircraft utilizing this low-level route will be closely monitored to ensure that the low-level flight rate conforms to those numbers identified in the environmental impact study conducted on the route for this Department. Finally, I can assure you that there are no current or proposed initiatives within the Department that could result in a request to begin development of a new low-level route within the Northwest Territories.

I hope that these assurances will satisfy your concerns on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Bill McKnight

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